

**Council On Naturopathic  
Medical Education, Inc.**

Financial Reports

December 31, 2016 and 2015

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## Report of Independent Auditors

To the Board of Directors  
Council on Naturopathic Medical Education, Inc.  
Great Barrington, MA

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Council On Naturopathic Medical Education, Inc. (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2016 and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

### **Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

**Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Council on Naturopathic Medical Education, Inc., as of December 31, 2016, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Other Matter**

The December 31, 2015 financial statements were reviewed by us, and our report thereon dated August 8, 2016, stated that we were not aware of any material modifications that should be made to those statements for them to be in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. However, a review is substantially less in scope than an audit and does not provide a basis for the expression of an opinion on the financial statements.

Smith, Watson & Company, LLP

September 5, 2017

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**Council On Naturopathic Medical Education, Inc.**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
**December 31, 2016 (Audited) with Comparative Totals for 2015 (Reviewed)**

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	2016 (audited)	2015 (reviewed)
<b>Assets:</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 59,228	\$ 48,804
Accounts receivable	590	-
Prepaid expenses	<u>3,133</u>	<u>2,268</u>
<b>Total current assets</b>	62,951	51,072
Certificate of Deposit	200,000	200,000
Property and equipment (net of depreciation)	<u>37</u>	<u>466</u>
<b>Total assets</b>	<u>\$ 262,988</u>	<u>\$ 251,538</u>
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets:</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities:</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	<u>\$ 4,757</u>	<u>\$ 5,067</u>
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<u>4,757</u>	<u>5,067</u>
<b>Net Assets:</b>		
Unrestricted net assets	<u>258,231</u>	<u>246,471</u>
<b>Total liabilities and net assets</b>	<u>\$ 262,988</u>	<u>\$ 251,538</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

**Council On Naturopathic Medical Education, Inc.**

Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended December 31, 2016 (Audited) with Comparative Totals for 2015 (Reviewed)

	Unrestricted Net Assets	Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	Permanently Restricted Net Assets	2016 (audited) Total Net Assets	2015 (reviewed) Total Net Assets
<b>Public Support</b>					
Contributions	\$ 635	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 635	\$ 500
<b>Total Public Support</b>	<u>635</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>635</u>	<u>500</u>
<b>Revenues:</b>					
Dues	244,995	-	-	244,995	238,828
Interest	1,499	-	-	1,499	1,046
Gain on Currency Conversion	909	-	-	909	-
<b>Total revenues</b>	<u>247,403</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>247,403</u>	<u>239,874</u>
<b>Total Public Support and Revenues</b>	<u>248,038</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>248,038</u>	<u>240,374</u>
<b>Functional Expenses</b>					
Program Service	156,708	-	-	156,708	152,430
General and Administrative	79,570	-	-	79,570	77,537
<b>Total Functional Expenses</b>	<u>236,278</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>236,278</u>	<u>229,967</u>
Change in net assets	11,760	-	-	11,760	10,407
Net assets, January 1	246,471	-	-	246,471	236,064
<b>Net assets, December 31</b>	<u>\$ 258,231</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 258,231</u>	<u>\$ 246,471</u>

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## Statement of Functional Expenses

For the Year Ended December 31, 2016 (Audited) with Comparative Totals for 2015 (Reviewed)

			2016 (audited)	2015 (reviewed)
	Program Expenses	General and Administrative	Total	Total
Executive Director Compensation				
including related taxes	\$ 100,433	\$ 43,043	\$ 143,476	\$ 140,367
Travel expenses	20,337	8,716	29,053	32,031
Administrative services	7,644	3,276	10,920	10,200
Meetings	5,802	2,487	8,289	7,237
Affiliations	5,001	2,143	7,144	6,985
Training and education	4,983	2,135	7,118	-
Professional services	4,418	1,893	6,311	11,443
Bookkeeping	-	5,513	5,513	5,989
Rent	-	5,451	5,451	5,292
Supplies	1,594	683	2,277	1,993
Insurance	1,511	647	2,158	2,044
Telephone and fax	1,346	577	1,923	1,445
Miscellaneous	-	1,540	1,540	938
Postage and shipping	962	412	1,374	907
Internet	1,220	-	1,220	1,444
Printing and copying	775	332	1,107	1,043
Small equipment	682	292	975	-
Depreciation	-	429	429	609
	<u>\$ 156,708</u>	<u>\$ 79,570</u>	<u>\$ 236,278</u>	<u>\$ 229,967</u>

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**Council On Naturopathic Medical Education, Inc.**

## Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended December 31, 2016 (Audited) with Comparative Totals for 2015 (Reviewed)

	2016 (audited)	2015 (reviewed)
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Change in net assets	\$ 11,760	\$ 10,407
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	429	609
(Increase)/decrease in:		
Certificate of Deposit	-	(200,000)
Accounts receivable	(590)	6,614
Prepaid expense	(865)	545
Increase/(decrease) in:		
Accounts payable	(310)	645
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<u>10,424</u>	<u>(181,180)</u>
<b>Increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	10,424	(181,180)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	<u>48,804</u>	<u>229,984</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	<u>\$ 59,228</u>	<u>\$ 48,804</u>

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**1. Organization and Program Services**

The Council On Naturopathic Medical Education, Inc. ("Council") is a non-profit, publicly supported organization incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia. The Council's mission is to ensure and advocate high standards in naturopathic medical education in the United States and Canada through the voluntary accreditation of four-year graduate-level programs in naturopathic medicine. The U.S. Department of Education recognizes the Council as the national accrediting agency for programs leading to the Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine (N.D. or N.M.D.) or Doctor of Naturopathy (N.D.) degree. The Council is supported through accreditation dues and contributions.

**2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

**Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Financial Statement Presentation**

The Council is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted, temporarily restricted, and permanently restricted, based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. A description of the three net assets groups are as follows:

- Unrestricted – Net Assets that are not subject to donor-imposed restrictions. Unrestricted net assets may be designated for specific purposes by action of the Board of Directors.
- Temporarily Restricted – Net assets whose use by the Council is subject to donor-imposed restrictions that can be fulfilled by actions of the Council pursuant to those restrictions or that expire by the passage of time.
- Permanently Restricted – Net assets subject to the donor-imposed restriction that they be maintained permanently by the Council. Permanently restricted assets are primarily comprised of the original endowment gift given to the Council by donors. Generally, the donors of these assets permit the Council to use all or part of the income from the assets.

Expenses are generally reported as decreases in unrestricted net assets. Expirations of donor-imposed restrictions that simultaneously increase one class of net assets and decrease another are reported as reclassifications between the applicable classes of net assets. The Council has not received any temporarily or permanently restricted contributions and accordingly the financial statements reflect only unrestricted net assets.

**Summarized Prior Year Information**

The financial statements include certain prior-year summarized comparative information in total but not by net asset class. Such information does not include sufficient detail to constitute a presentation in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the Council's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2015, from which the summarized information was derived.

**Cash and Equivalents**

Cash and equivalents include cash on hand, demand deposits and money market accounts that are highly liquid and have maturities of three months or less.

**Accounts Receivable**

Accounts receivable consists of amounts billed to universities and associations for various programs. Trade credit is generally extended on a short-term basis, thus, trade receivables do not bear interest. Accounts receivable are periodically evaluated for collectability. Changes in the estimated collectability of accounts receivable are recorded in the results of operations for the period in which the estimate is revised.

**Equipment**

Equipment is recorded at cost if purchased or fair market value if contributed. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of five years.

**Contributions**

When contributions are received by the Council they are recorded as unrestricted, temporarily restricted or permanently restricted support depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor restrictions. Restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets upon the satisfaction of the time or purpose restrictions. The Council has not received any contributions with donor-imposed restrictions that would result in temporarily or permanently restricted net assets.

**Income Taxes**

The Council is a tax-exempt organization as defined by section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and has been classified as a public charity by the Internal Revenue Service. Therefore, there is no provision for income taxes. The Council's Department of Treasury information returns are subject to examination, generally for three years after the filing date.

Management has determined that the Council does not have any uncertain tax positions and associated unrecognized benefits that materially impact the financial statements or related disclosures.

**3. Concentration of Credit Risk**

The Council maintains cash and cash equivalents in financial institutions, and at times may exceed the amount of Federal deposit insurance. The Council's deposits are protected by the Massachusetts Deposit Investor Fund, which has no limits on its coverage. The Council has not experienced any losses on these accounts.

Approximately 99% and 87% of the Council's Dues are made up of eight colleges for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

**4. Furniture and Equipment**

Furniture and equipment consists of the following at December 31:

	2016	2015
Computer equipment	\$ 2,147	\$ 2,147
Furniture and fixtures	1,078	1,078
Other equipment	630	630
	<u>3,855</u>	<u>3,855</u>
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(3,818)</u>	<u>(3,389)</u>
Furniture and Equipment, net	<u>\$ 37</u>	<u>\$ 466</u>

Depreciation expense was \$429 and \$609 for 2016 and 2015, respectively.

**5. Functional Allocation of Expenses**

The Council's policy is to allocate the indirect expenses of administrative (supporting services) based on various costs related to each program or, if undeterminable, based on management's estimates. During 2013 the Board decided to discontinue fund raising activities as memberships and fees were fully supporting the operations.

**6. Contributed Services**

Many individuals' volunteer time and skills to perform a variety of tasks that assist the Council, but these services do not meet the criteria for recognition as contributed services.

**7. Leasing Agreements**

In September 2012, the Council signed a lease with Berkshire Bank for the use of office space, with occupancy of the space beginning October 2012. The agreement is for two years with the right of extension for four additional terms of one year. In October 2014 the lease agreement was extended with a three percent (3%) increase. Upon each additional extension, the basic rent shall be equal to the basic rental in effect immediately prior to the commencement of such additional term, escalated by three percent (3%) for each additional term. Rent expense on a monthly basis is \$464. As a condition of the lease, the Council was required to purchase a business liability insurance policy. Total rent expense for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 was \$5,451 and \$5,292, respectively.

Minimum future obligations on the leases at December 31, 2016, are as follows:

Year ending December 31,	
2017	\$ 5,292
2018	<u>5,451</u>
Total	<u>\$ 10,744</u>

**8. Related Party Transactions**

The Council received contributions from Board and Staff Members in the amount of \$0 and \$500 during 2016 and 2015, respectively.

**9. Certificates of Deposit**

Certificates of Deposit (“CD”) consist of the following:

	December 31,	
	2016	2015
Union Bank invested for 12 months at 0.25% interest per annum. Maturing April 2016. The CD was not considered a cash equivalent for the December 31, 2015 financial statements.	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000
Union Bank invested for 24 months at 0.45% interest per annum. Maturing April 2017. The CD was not considered a cash equivalent for the December 31, 2015 financial statements.	70,000	70,000
Union Bank invested for 36 months at 0.75% interest per annum. Maturing April 2018. The CD was not considered a cash equivalent for the December 31, 2015 financial statements.	<u>70,000</u>	<u>70,000</u>
	<u>\$ 200,000</u>	<u>\$ 200,000</u>

Current interest rates on CD’s at Union Bank approximate those held by CNME. Therefore, the total cost of \$200,000 at December 31, 2016 and 2015, is considered to approximate market value. Interest earned on these CD’s was \$1,166 and \$705, respectively.

**10. Subsequent Events**

Management has evaluated events and transactions after the balance sheet date through September 5, 2017, the date that the financial statements were available to be issued, and determined that all appropriate subsequent event disclosures, if any, have been made.